

REMARKS AND CONCLUSION

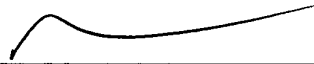
Claims remaining in the present continuation application are numbered 21-42. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the remaining Claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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